

EARLY SPRING WEDDINGS INTEREST LOCAL SOCIETY

Stuart Gratton Christian Marries
Miss Lightfoot Turnbull Sims
To-day in Baltimore.

MISS BLAIR WILL LECTURE

Will Deliver Series of Eight Talks on
Shakespeare During April Under
Auspices of Young Women's Christian
Association.

An interesting event of yesterday, although a very quiet affair, was the marriage of Miss Pauline Powers, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Powers, to William Ragland Puryear, of Baltimore, son of the late professor and Mrs. Bennett Puryear, of Richmond College. The ceremony was witnessed by only a small company of relatives and friends and took place at 11:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carlton Powers, 215 West Avenue, Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. The drawing room was arranged with palms, lighted candles and spring flowers, and pink blossoms decorated the hall and dining room.

The bride descended the staircase with her brother, George Carlton Powers, who gave her away. She wore a smart traveling costume of dark blue serge, with a hat to match and a bouquet of orchids. Mrs. Knox Wilson, who was dame of honor, wore a suit of white crepe with a black hat and carried an armful of Richmond roses. James Dennis, of Baltimore, was Mr. Powers' best man. The little flower girl, Pauline Powers, daughter of the bride, wore a white marquisette frock with a wide white sash and carried a French basket of pink sweet peas.

Some of the guests from a distance were Mrs. Arthur Coble, of Wilson, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Donnan, and the Misses Donnan, of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dennis, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shelton, of Washington; David Porter, Great, of Washington, and Miss Gertrude Feltman, of Philadelphia.

After a wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. Puryear will make their home in Baltimore.

Approaching Marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. William Braxton Wormley, of Enfield, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Carter, to Donald Grant Peck, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Peck, formerly of Seguin, Texas, but now of Enfield. The marriage will take place April 5 at "Brookfield," the home of the bride.

Annals of the Day.

A number of Richmond people are in Baltimore to-day to attend the marriage of Miss Lightfoot Turnbull Sims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Colston Smith and Stuart Gratton Christian, to William Ragland Puryear, of Baltimore, son of the late professor and Mrs. Bennett Puryear, of Richmond College. The ceremony will take place this evening at 7 o'clock in the Memorial Church, with Rev. William Dams of Baltimore.

Hatters at the tea-room in the main garden of the Jefferson Hotel for this afternoon include Mrs. Melville C. Branch, Mrs. James Gordon Smith and Mrs. Lewis Hinton Boshier.

Miss Blair's Lectures.

Under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association, Miss Martha Blair, of the Chestersfield, will deliver a series of eight lectures on Shakespeare during the month of April. The interest of those who will attend the present which will be held here in May. Miss Blair will speak twice a week, and the dates of her lectures will be announced later. The Young Women's Christian Association is cooperating with the parent committee.

Gilliland-Jenkins.

Miss E. T. Jenkins, of Ashland, announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Cole, to Henry Henry Gilliland, of Dumbarton, owing to recent bereavement in the bride's family, the ceremony was quietly celebrated in this city on Tuesday, with Rev. J. S. Hutton, pastor of Pine Street Baptist Church, officiating. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland will reside at Dumbarton.

Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Henry Vance celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at their home in South Boston on Monday afternoon. Only the members of the Vance family were invited, though there numbered nearly fifty. The decorations of the rooms were carried out in the golden color scheme, jewelry, chifon and ribbons being used lavishly. The place cards also carried the golden scheme, and miniature golden baskets were given as souvenirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance received a large number of handsome gifts in gold. Mr. Vance came to South Boston in 1862, and on March 27, 1866, married Miss Lettress, daughter of Captain E. B. Jeffries, founder of the city. Out of thirteen children, there are five living. Mrs. S. F. Gilliland and Charles F. Vance, of that city; Mrs. Francis M. Silcott, of Philadelphia; Walter P. Vance, of Lynchburg, and Frank B. Vance, of Richmond.

A Massive Wedding Cake.

A massive wedding cake, topped by fifty candles, was a feature of the dining-room. Cards were received at the door by Little Trent Gilliland and Miss May Gilliland.

Father Goose Party.

The Cleaners of Westminster Presbyterian Church will have a Mother Goose party in the basement of the church tomorrow afternoon, from 4 o'clock. Refreshments will be served, and all interested are invited.

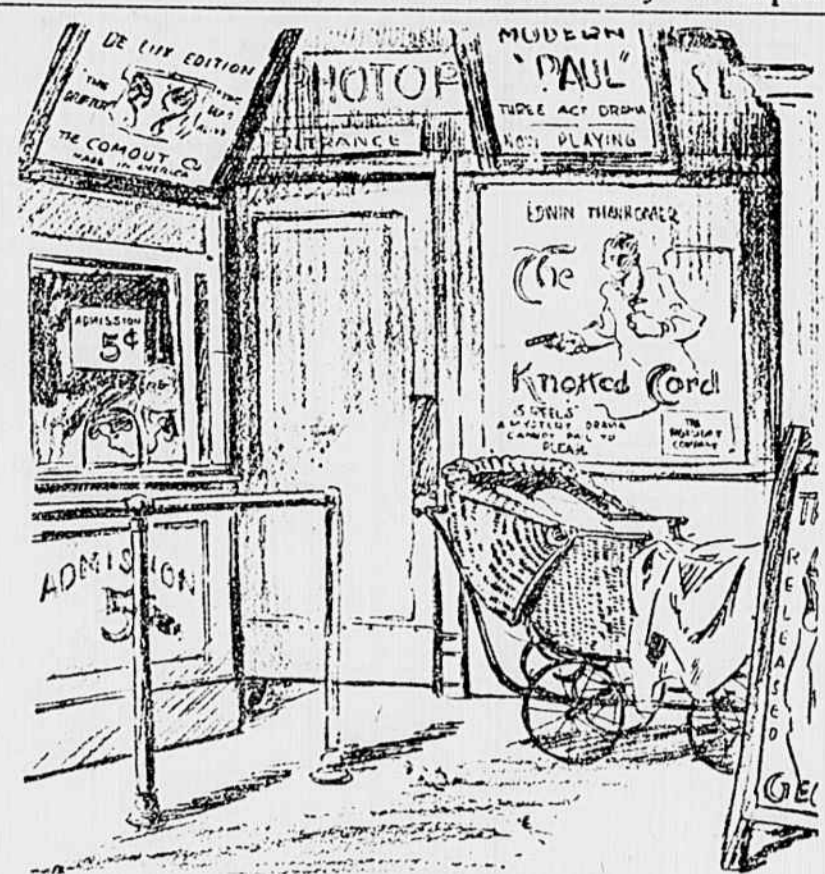
A Ball Game.

The last college game of the season will be played in the Young Women's Christian Association gymnasium tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The contestants will be of the "all-star" variety, the best players in each class having been picked to play. The proceeds will be used to help send a delegate from the gymnasium department to the Blue Ridge summer conference at Blue Ridge, N. C. Those who have been



SAFETY FIRST.
I'll let you into my scheme on the ground floor.
Are there any exits?

SKETCHES FROM LIFE - By Temple



"The Whole Family Goes In"

asked to play are: Misses Camille Curry, Emma Cravell, Pauline Grant, Margaret Glendon, Mrs. Roschen, Mrs. Hubbard, Misses Lillian Harding, Ann Fletcher, Nora Patterson, Martha Beale, Madeline Williams, Elizabeth Cecil, Lucile Hedder, Robyn Mae Miller, Katie Dickinson, Frances McFadden, Jessie Du Val, Katie Kinder, Ione Trice, Reba Chipley, Meicena Schaff, and Emmie Day.

IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Carrington Lancaster and their small son, of Amherst, Mass., are spending this week with Mrs. R. A. Lancaster, at 904 Park Avenue.

Mrs. Robert G. Leigh, Jr., of West Franklin Street, is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Miss Martha Wilson, of Norfolk, has returned to Sweetbriar College, after a short stay in Richmond.

Mrs. J. Lee Keiner, of this city, is spending some time with relatives in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Backdale have returned to Richmond, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watkins, Jr., in South Boston.

Miss Margaret Heindel, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Josephine Foster, in Philadelphia, for a few days.

Mrs. R. Q. Mosby, of Roanoke, who has been spending several weeks in this city, will leave for her home shortly.

Mrs. C. R. Coleman, of Spotsylvania, has been in Richmond this week for a short stay.

James E. Mann, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wicks, in Roanoke for a few days, has returned to this city.

Mrs. George A. Carr, of Durham, N. C., is in the city for an indefinite stay.

Miss Ellen Beltrine Scott, Miss Octavia Arrington and Miss Janet Jones are spending a short time in Baltimore this week.

Mrs. Evans Garrett, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Turner, in Fredericksburg, returned to Richmond on Tuesday.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

The half-hour service at the Young Women's Christian Association, from 1 to 1:30 o'clock, will be conducted by Miss Katharine H. Hawes to-day. This is a continuation of the services held there during the simultaneous campaign in answer to requests that they be continued. Meetings will be held each Thursday until further notice. Miss Hawes' Bible class for business women will be held at 6:15 this evening and Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

The tenth anniversary of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs will be celebrated from 2 to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon in the Mothers' Club room, at 805 East Marshall Street. It is planned to have a history of the organization from its beginning in 1906, and a brief summary of the workings of each club will be given. Refreshments will be served after the program. A special invitation to be present is extended to the pioneer members and all members of individual clubs.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock Mrs. G. Harvey Clarke will discuss the Map BBL, adopted by the recent General Assembly. This is a part of the course of study which the Equal Suffrage League has been engaged in during the past week or two. The public is invited to be present at the discussion, which is to be held in the Equal Suffrage League headquarters in the Commercial Building.

O'Ferrall-Underwood.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 29.—The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Virginia Underwood to William Carter O'Ferrall, which has been announced will be of wide interest

to many friends throughout the South.

Miss Underwood is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Underwood and a niece of Senator Oscar W. Underwood. She was reared in Birmingham and her gentle manner and kindly nature have endeared her to all who know her.

Mr. O'Ferrall is the son of the late Governor Charles O'Ferrall of Virginia, and is connected with many prominent families in that State. Since his coming to Birmingham six years ago he has held a responsible position in the First National Bank.

The wedding will take place at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday, April 26, and the invitations will include only a few friends and relatives.

FIRST-AID LECTURES.

Commodore Langtellow Will Demonstrate at Y. M. C. A. How to Save Drowning Persons.

In order that Richmond may not this year furnish its percentage of the 7,000 people drowned annually in the United States, Commodore Wilbert S. Longfellow has arrived in the city under the auspices of the Red Cross Society to give lectures for the remainder of this week in the Central Young Men's Christian Association. Demonstrations will be given in the swimming pool. He has just concluded a three-months' tour of the seaport cities of Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia.

Methods of bringing a person from the water will be shown, as well as illustrations of resuscitation.

On Friday night at 8:30 o'clock, the Boy Scouts will witness a demonstration and stentription lecture, in which they will be instructed in the saving of life.

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PENSION APPROPRIATIONS

AGGREGATE \$1,250,000

Chief Clerk Johnson Summarizes Enactments of Recent General Assembly.

INCREASE FOR SOLDIERS' HOME

Is Given \$28,000 Additional Over Last Year's Allotment for Maintenance and Improvements—Schedule of Payments Increased.

While the recent General Assembly made no striking changes in the provisions for Confederate pensions, it dealt liberally with the men who fought the South's battles and the widows who survive them.

Chief Pension Clerk J. H. Johnson, of the State Auditor's office, yesterday prepared the following summary of the recent Legislature's pension acts:

"The last General Assembly passed a new pension law, but about the only changes of any consequence as compared with the pension law as amended in 1912, were increases in pensions and property limitations.

INCREASE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY

PENSIONERS MAY POSSESS

"Under the old law applicants for pensions whose property assessment, real and personal, was as much as \$750, or more, were thereby barred from the benefits of the pension law. Under the new law the limit is extended to \$1,000. Applicants eighty years old or more, however, can enjoy the possession of property, real and personal, assessed up to \$1,500, and draw a pension.

"The date limiting the marriage of widows is unchanged; that is, those married to Confederate soldiers whose service they apply for a pension after May 1, 1865, cannot draw a pension. There was a strong disposition to extend this to 1870, but it was thought changes at the same time, fearing that consequent uncertainty would exceed the appropriation.

"There are some other, but minor, changes, eliminating some of the objectionable features of the old law; one of which is to continue the pension of any pensioner who, after becoming incapacitated to care for himself or herself, is compelled to leave Virginia to live with some relative in a State that does not provide pensions for Confederate soldiers and their widows. Under the old law the pension ceased upon a termination of the residence of the pensioner in this State. This feature worked quite a hardship on some pensioners each year.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS

LIBERAL TO OLD SOLDIERS

"The late General Assembly was quite liberal to our pensioners. The appropriation was increased from \$549,000 to \$572,000 to pay 1916 pensions, and for 1917, \$502,000, to which will be added the unexpended balance of 1916 on account of loss from the 1916 roll by death. The adding of this unexpended balance, as provided by the appropriation bill, conforms with the recommendation of the auditor in his last annual report.

Those heretofore received \$75 for loss of limb have been increased under the new law to \$85. The pension for total disability has been increased from \$42.25 to \$50, for partial disability from \$28.50 to \$35. Widows whose husbands have died since the war have been increased from \$30 to \$33; those whose husbands lost their lives during the

war were increased from \$48 to \$50.

The matrons who served in hospitals during the war, also on our pension roll, were advanced from \$48 to \$50. The amount paid for total blindness, \$189, was not increased. The unexpended balance for 1916 appropriation, on account of death of pensioners, added to the 1917 appropriation will effect another appreciable increase in all pensions for the year 1917. The limit of income, \$200, remains the same.

AUDITORS OFFICE NOW

MAKING NEW CERTIFICATES

"The new law necessitates a change in all the pension forms, and the pension department of the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts is busy in preparing and mailing new certificates to all pensioners to be used in applying for the 1916 pensions, payable September 1. Instead of the certificate forms sent out last year, The regulation dates for paying the pensions remain the same.

"Besides the \$1,214,000 appropriated to pay pensions for the next two years, \$120,000 was also appropriated to the Soldiers' Home for maintenance and improvements, an increase over the last appropriation of \$28,000. There was also appropriated for the Home of Needy Confederate Women in Richmond, for maintenance for the two years, \$12,000, and \$12,000 to cover the same period for needy Confederate women who cannot get on the regular pension roll, the latter to be apportioned and distributed on warrant at the discretion of the relief committee of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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